

# ANS NEWSLETTER

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## Harry Bass Receives ANS Gold Medal

Retiring Society President Harry W. Bass, Jr. was honored at the Society's Fall Meeting for his years of dedicated leadership of the ANS. Harry W. Fowler, ANS President pro tem read the following citation on behalf of the Council and membership:

"At its April meeting, the Council received the decision of Harry W. Bass to retire as ANS President with both regret and understanding. During his incumbency he has given unstintingly of his time and energy to the furtherance of the Society's goals and now in his seventh year has decided to turn the presidential responsibility over to someone else.

"Harry's association with the Society dates to 1966 when he first took a personal interest in the development and conservation of our library holdings. He became Chairman of the Standing Committee on the Library in 1980 and continues in that

position today.

"Harry came to the office of President in January 1978, immediately following the fortunate conclusion to a major breach in the Society's security. From the start he provided the leadership necessary to make the hard decisions on upgrading the entire security program, while at the same time realizing our responsibility to remain accessible.

"It was Harry's foresight and generosity which made possible the development and acquisition of the Society's computer, a decision which is rapidly changing the scope of research activity at the Society as well as making available a wealth of detailed information to students working at a distance from New York.

"Harry's years as President are important for another significant attribute—he has been the spokesman for the Society to

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## ANS 1984 GRADUATE SEMINAR, FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS INVITED

Applications are now being accepted for the 33rd annual Graduate Seminar in Numismatics to be held at the Society June 11-August 10, 1985. Ten grants in aid, carrying stipends of \$1,200, will be made to students of high competence who will have completed at least one year's graduate study in classics, archaeology, history, art history, economic history, or other related disciplines. Areas of study may include the ancient Mediterranean, the ancient Near East, medieval Europe, Latin America, the Islamic world, South Asia, or East Asia. Applications will be accepted also from junior university or college instructors with a degree in one of these fields. Attendance at the seminar is restricted to graduate students and junior faculty members at institutions in the United States and Canada. Grants in support of attendance are made possible by a contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Eric P. Newman.

The Seminar program includes lectures and conferences conducted by specialists in various fields, with emphasis on numismatic methodology. Students employ the resources of the museum's cabinets and library, and prepare papers for oral delivery and written submission during the ninth week.

William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator of the Society, is in charge of the Seminar program, and the entire curatorial staff as well as instructors from this country and abroad will participate. P.J. Casey of the Department of Archaeology, University of Durham, England, will be in residence during the Seminar.

### Graduate Fellowship

In addition the Society is accepting applications for its Fellowship of \$3,500 for the academic year 1985/6. The award is open to university graduate students in the

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## Members Meet Annual Giving Goal

Contributions totaling \$50,495 were credited to the Society's Annual Giving drive for the fiscal year which ended on September 30, 1984, exceeding by a slim margin the goal of \$50,000 set for the year. In all, 286 members and friends of the Society contributed to the drive during the period, substantially fewer than in recent years past. Nevertheless the Society's Council has increased the Annual Giving goal for fiscal year 1985 by \$10,000 to \$60,000 reflecting both the greater need of the Society and the belief that with the improved economy, more members will be able to participate in this important means of support for the work of this organization.

Annual Giving provides funds for general operations, helping to close the gap between the established sources of income and the increasing costs of operating our museum and library.

An additional \$16,000 was received by the Society through gifts and grants to the operating fund for special projects, including honoraria for consultants and

speakers, stipends for students doing research at the Society and funds to start up the new Islamic/Medieval photofile.

Contributions and grants to the Society for restricted purposes amounted to \$120,300 in fiscal 1984 for a variety of activities ranging from coin and book purchases and funding of new publications to the ongoing support of the Society's computer system and the establishment of a new research fund as well as the renewal of the grant for the Assistant Curator in the Greek and Roman departments and the grant from the NEH in support of the library subject index project.

### Bequest Received

This year the Society received a bequest for its endowment from the estate of Wheaton J. Lane. Mr. Lane had served on the Society's Council for 25 years. An ideal way for members to perpetuate support for the Society is through a bequest. By adding to the endowment, whether for general or specific purposes, a donor proclaims an enduring expression of concern for the Society and its future. The ANS and its attorney stand ready to assist members who desire to benefit our organization through bequest.

### Donor Categories

Society members have received a contribution request with their annual dues notice. Those who have not yet responded with a gift or a pledge toward Annual Giving are urged to include the Society in year-end giving plans.

The Society's Council has designated the following donor categories to be recognized in our *Annual Report*: Sponsoring Donor (\$1,000 and above); Sustaining Donor (\$500-999); Contributing Donor (\$100-499); and Donor (under \$100). Contributions in any amount are most welcome.

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fields of the humanities or social sciences who will have completed the general examinations (or the equivalent) for the doctorate; will be writing a dissertation during the academic year 1985/6 on a topic in which the use of numismatic evidence plays a significant part; and will have attended one of the Society's Graduate Seminars prior to the time of application.

The deadline for completed applications for both the Seminar and Fellowship is March 1, 1985. Awards will be announced no later than April 2.



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a wider audience, articulating the objectives of the ANS while helping to shape this organization to serve an enlarging circle of patrons. This period has, in the history of the Society, truly been the Bass years.

"To commemorate the Bass years, we are happy to continue the tradition begun when your predecessor, Sam Milbank, retired, by presenting to you, on behalf of the entire Society, this example in gold of the Society Member's Medal. On its rim is inscribed 'Harry W. Bass, Jr. President 1978-1984.' Harry, I know that everyone joins me in saying to you—Thank you for leading us."

### Bass Presents Gift

On receiving the inscribed medal, Mr. Bass remarked that he was both surprised and delighted at being so honored but that, in fact he had come to the meeting also bearing a gift. He told the audience that his decision to retire as the Society's Presi-

dent was made possible in large part by the knowledge that a candidate of Mr. Fowler's caliber stood ready to accede to the leadership position. He reminded those present that Mr. Fowler had played a pivotal role in the celebration of the Society's 125th anniversary last fall by heading up the highly successful fund raising effort during the two years that preceded the event. As an expression of his personal appreciation, Mr. Bass then presented Mr. Fowler with a glass owl figurine symbolic of the classical tradition and of governance.



*(Coin World photo)*



# AMERICAS CONFERENCE NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 2

"America's Copper Coinage, 1783-1857," provides the theme for the first annual Coinage of the Americas Conference at the ANS November 30-December 2. A full program of talks is scheduled for each afternoon from 1 to 4 P.M., including periods for questions and discussion.

In addition, a number of exhibits will be on display in the Society's East Hall, ranging from early state and private coppers to late-date federal cents and half cents, on view only during the three days of the Conference.

Two annotated slide sets have been prepared: Richard Doty's pictorial survey "America's Copper Coinage, 1783-1857" includes a 40-page booklet describing 34 color slides at \$24 and "Die Varieties of the 1794 Large Cent," compiled by George Ewing in a 32 page booklet with 27 color slides, \$20. Souvenir post cards and note cards are also available.

The papers of the conference will be published in book form, available at \$10 when paid with registration and \$15 after the conference. The registration fee of \$12 includes admission to all sessions and the closing reception.

Those interested in attending the conference who have not already registered are urged to call the Society at (212) 234-3130. Contributions toward the expense of the meeting are welcome and urgently needed. Donors responding by November 21 will be listed in the final program.

## ANS REPRESENTED AT ISTANBUL CONFERENCE

Several ANS members were among those invited to participate as speakers at the International Seminar on the History of Islamic Numismatics held in Istanbul September 20-21. Members from this country at the conference, sponsored by the Yapi Kredi Bank, included Jere L. Bacharach, University of Washington, Andrew S. Ehrenkreutz, University of Michigan and Kenneth MacKenzie, Tenafly, New Jersey. Also participating were Society members Arlette Nègre of the Bibliothèque Nationale and Samir Shamma of Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

The seminar, celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the Yapi Kredi Bank's commitment to cultural activities and international understanding, was held in their new

## The Program

### *Friday, November 30*

#### 1:00 WELCOME

Harry W. Fowler, President, ANS  
Leslie A. Elam, Director, ANS  
Richard G. Doty, ANS, Conference Chairman

#### 1:10-4:00 FIRST SESSION

Elvira Clain-Stefanelli, "The Cent and the Money Economy of the Early United States"  
Ronald Guth, "The Copper Coinage of Vermont"  
Donald G. Partrick, "The 'Washington the Great' Cent"  
Eric P. Newman, "Circulation of Non-Federal Coppers in the Early United States"  
P. Scott Rubin, "Establishing Pedigrees on 1792 Copper Patterns"

#### 5:00 EXHIBITS CLOSE

### *Saturday, December 1*

#### 1:00-4:00 SECOND SESSION

John Adams, "Early American Coppers—the Collectors and the Tradition"  
R. Tettenhorst, "Overstrikes and Other Anomalies on Early Half Cents"  
Roger Cohen, "Original and Restrike Half Cents"  
Walter Breen, "Robert Scot's Earliest Device Punches"  
Denis Loring, "Emission Sequences on Early Cents"  
George Ewing, "Origins of Edge Lettering on Early American Copper Coinage"

#### 5:00 EXHIBITS CLOSE

#### 6:00 DINNER (by subscription)

### *Sunday, December 2*

#### 1:00-3:10 THIRD SESSION

Cora Gilliland, "American Copper Coinage Design in Relation to Early American Art, 1793-1857"  
David Cohen, "The Randall Hoard"  
Peter Smith, "Die Progression on Turban Head Cents"  
Jules Reiver, "Die Varieties in the Late Date Cent Series"

#### 3:10-3:30 CONFERENCE SUMMARY

Herb Silberman, "Commentary: Early American Coppers"

#### 3:30 CLOSING

William E. Metcalf, Chief Curator, ANS

#### 4:00 RECEPTION

#### EXHIBITS CLOSE

conference hall which featured simultaneous translation for the Turkish and English speaking participants.

According to Mr. MacKenzie, the con-

ference was well attended and received good press coverage. The papers of the meeting will be published in book form during 1985.



## NEH SUPPORT FOR RESEARCH TRAVEL TO COLLECTIONS

The National Endowment for the Humanities invites applications for the Travel to Collections Program to enable American scholars to travel to research collections such as the ANS. This program provides grants of \$500 for consultation of materials essential to a scholar's research but not readily available near the scholar's home or regular place of work.

Applicants for these grants may be members of college and university faculties, as well as other individuals who conduct advanced research in the humanities. Applicants need not be employed by an academic institution to be eligible. Awards will be made to help defray travel costs, subsistence and lodging, reproduction and photoduplication costs, and certain other associated expenses.

Complete proposals must be postmarked on or before January 15, 1985 for travel to begin after June 1, 1985. For further information, applications and instructions, contact: Program Officer, Travel to Collections, Division of Research Programs, Room 319-GT, National Endowment for the Humanities, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20506

## FELLOWSHIPS OFFERED

The American Antiquarian Society, in order to make more readily available for research its unparalleled resources in early American history and culture, is offering a number of visiting research fellowships for the period June 1985 through May 1986 in five competitions: two fellowships of up to \$25,000 each, funded by NEH, for periods of six to twelve months; Samuel Foster Haven Fellowships and the Kate B. and Hall J. Peterson Fellowships (maximum \$1,800) both for one to three month's residence at the AAS; the Albert Boni Fellowship (maximum \$1,250) in American bibliography or printing and publishing history for one to two month's study; and the Frances Hiatt Fellowship of \$1,200 to a qualified graduate student for dissertation research. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is January 31, 1985. Information and applications are available from John B. Hench, Assistant Director for Research and Publication, AAS, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Mass. 01609.

## 1986 INC ANNOUNCED

Enclosed with this *Newsletter* is the first announcement of the Tenth International Numismatic Congress to be held in London, September 8-12, 1986. This Congress will be hosted jointly by the Royal Numismatic Society, celebrating its sesquicentennial in 1986, and the British Numismatic Society.

The organizers have also issued the first call for papers. The INC qualifies for travel support through the American Council of Learned Societies of which the ANS is a constituent member. Those whose papers are accepted for presentation at the Congress, and who hold the PhD or equivalent, should request travel applications and guidelines directly from the ACLS, 228 E. 45 St, NY, NY 10017. Members are reminded that this travel grant program is highly competitive.

### Symposium Honoring Newell

The ANS is sponsoring a memorial symposium at the 1986 INC in honor of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Edward T. Newell, President of the Society from 1916 until his death in 1941. The session will include a panel of speakers followed by a special reception.

## SOCIETY AT NEW YORK INTERNATIONAL

The Society will be well represented at the 1984 New York International Numismatic Convention to be held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel, November 30-December 2. As it has since 1979, the ANS will have an Information Booth in the exhibit center, courtesy of the show's organizers, Richard Margolis and Wilbur Selfridge. Society staff and members will act as booth hosts, providing information on the ANS and its activities, displaying the new publications, and encouraging visits to the ANS to view the exhibition, *The World of Coins*, and the special displays on exhibit in conjunction with the Coinage of the Americas Conference being held at the Society's museum this same weekend.

### Various Talks Scheduled at NYINC

A number of specialized collector societies will be meeting at the time of the convention which is devoted mainly to ancient, medieval and other foreign coinage. Among speakers scheduled at these meetings are Dr. N.D. Nicol who will address the Oriental Numismatic Society on

Friday evening on "Fātimid Coin Types," and Milt Blackburn discussing "Bank Notes of New Zealand" at the Saturday afternoon meeting of the International Bank Note Society.

Other meetings scheduled include Numismatics International at 3 P.M. on Friday with an educational forum moderated by William Spengler followed by La Société Américaine pour l'Étude de la Numismatique Française featuring a talk on "The Sous Marquis, Revisited," by Robert Vlack. Also meeting are the Lithuanian Numismatic Society Saturday morning at 10:30; the Society for Medieval Numismatics at 1:45; followed by the Russian Numismatic Society at 3:30.

## ANS HOSTS MEETING SOCIALS

Again this year the Society will be hosting receptions for Graduate seminar alumni and other friends at several professional meetings. The Middle East Studies Association is meeting at the Sheraton-Palace in San Francisco, November 28-December 1. The Society's reception is scheduled for the evening of the 28th with Professor John Masson Smith, an Associate of the ANS, hosting.

At the annual meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America, held this year at the Royal York Hotel, Canada, December 27-29, William E. Metcalf will host the ANS reception on the 28th.

Society members, seminar alumni and friends are invited to attend these functions.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Society's Nominating Committee for Council Members, comprising Roger A. Hornsby, Chairman, John D. Leggett, Jr. and Eric P. Newman, reported to the Council at its October 13 meeting. The three present members whose terms expire January 1985, Alan B. Coleman, Baldwin Maull and Speros Vryonis, will be nominated for additional five-year terms at the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

According to the Society's Constitution (Article VI.3), additional nominations require the signature of a total of 10 Fellows and must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least 15 days in advance of the Annual Meeting.





Pre-1886 French medal by Ernest P. Passet for the Statue of Liberty (note proposed base and absence of the Brooklyn Bridge).

## NEW MEDAL PROPOSED

The Society's Standing Committee on Medals and Decorations has announced plans to begin the issue of a new series of commemorative medals sponsored by the ANS. The first of these will be a medal to mark the centennial of the Statue of Liberty, to be celebrated in 1886. While it anticipates this to be but one of many medals issued for this event, the committee hopes that the artistic level of its contribution will make it stand out from more commercial pieces.

The proposed medal will bear on one side a representation of the Statue of Liberty or a part of it while the other side will relate in some way to the idea of liberty. The design will also include the dates 1886 and 1886 and have either the name of the Society or its insignia of an oak-leaf cluster somewhere on it. The rest of the design of the medal will be left to the artist's imagination.

For the design of this medal, the committee has announced an open competition. To encourage as broad participation as possible, a two-tiered award system has been instituted. Submissions may take the form either of a two-dimensional sketch or a three-dimensional model. If a three-dimensional model is chosen, the entire \$2,500 will go to the artist. If the winning design is a drawing, the artist will receive \$1,000, and \$1,500 will be provided to the sculptor chosen to translate the design into a working model. Complete details on the competition are available from Alan Stahl, secretary of the Medals Committee.

With the issue of this new medal, the Society begins a new series of medallic issues commemorating public events and returns the ANS to the central position it held in the field of medallic sculpture in the first decades of this century, when sculptors like Victor D. Brenner, Daniel Chester French and Gutzon Borglum produced medals under ANS sponsorship.

Response to the Society's announcement in the last *ANS Newsletter*, offering two early ANS medals, was immediate. The entire stock of Sullivan medals was sold within a month as well as about 50 of the Babelon medals. The remaining stock of the Babelon medal, issued in 1910 to commemorate the International Numismatic Congress held in Brussels and chaired by Ernest Babelon, is available, in original box of issue, at \$25 each plus \$4 registered postage.

## NATIONAL BANK NOTES NEEDED BY ANS

As noted in the last *Newsletter*, the Socie-

ty is attempting to fill a glaring gap in its US paper money collection by soliciting gifts of small-size national bank notes from members and friends. Society Curator Richard Doty hopes to have at least one note from each state by the end of 1984. To date, 12 states are represented: California, Colorado, Delaware, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, and Wisconsin.

The Society is grateful to those who have cooperated in this project and particularly to Philadelphia numismatist Harry J. Forman who initiated the effort. However it is going to take extraordinary generosity on the part of dealers and collectors to complete this project successfully.



Professor David Mitten of Harvard, with ANS meeting speaker John H. Kroll.

(Coin World photo)

## KROLL ADDRESSES FALL MEMBERS MEETING

The Fall Membership Meeting, held at the Society on October 13, was the occasion for an illustrated talk by John H. Kroll on the topic "Problems in the Bronze Coinage of Athens." The David M. Bullowa Memorial Lecture was introduced by Nancy M. Waggoner, ANS Curator of Greek Coins.

"Our speaker today is no stranger to the ANS. He is a graduate of our summer seminar, class of 1963, and he has remained faithful to ancient numismatics ever since. We proudly welcome him as our newest member of Council, elected as such at a meeting of Council in April of this year.

"In 1978 John Kroll organized a symposium and exhibition 'Coins of the

Roman Empire,' held at the University of Texas at Austin, where he is Associate Professor in the Department of Classics. He has served as staff member and numismatist with excavations, first at Sardis between 1965 and 1967, at Corinth in 1966, and finally, at the Athenian Agora from 1970 to 1974. He is now acting as Secretary for the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

"His publications include several numismatic articles, chiefly on the various coinages of ancient Athens, and he is currently preparing for publication Greek coins from the Athenian Agora excavations."

Refreshments were served after the talk.



# Calendar

## November/December

- 30-2 First annual Coinage of the Americas Conference at the ANS ANS Information Booth open at the New York International Numismatic Convention, Sheraton Centre, New York

- 11 Columbia University Seminar in Medieval Studies. Alan Stahl to speak on "The Mint of Venice and its Capitularies"

- 22-25 Society closed—Christmas holiday

- 27-30 Archaeological Institute of America meeting, Toronto, Canada. ANS represented by William E. Metcalf

- 29-1 Society closed—New Year's holiday

## January

- 12 Finance Committee meeting, 11:00  
Council meeting, 1:30  
Annual Meeting of the Society, 3:00

## February

- 12 Society closed—Lincoln's Birthday

## March

- 1 Application deadline for ANS Graduate Seminar and Graduate Fellowship awards  
Finance Committee meeting, 11:00  
Executive Committee, 1:30

## MEMBERS ELECTED

Thirty-nine Associates and one Corresponding Member were elected at the October 13 meeting of the ANS Council including several who had visited the Society's Information Booth at the ANA Convention in Detroit.

Those elected are Anne B. Adams, Spartanburg, SC; Eldert A. Benteke II, Ypsilanti, MI; Mark R. Borckhardt, Findlay, OH; Michael L. Cummings, Seoul, Korea; Christina Ryba Curry, New Rochelle, NY; John J. Eckman, Spring Valley, OH; David B. Fiero, Regensburg, Germany; Horace P. Flatt, Saratoga, GA; Harvey Frajlich, Rego Park, NY; and Daniel M. Freeman, Lumberton, NC.

Also, Nayef Goussous, Amman, Jordan; Susanne Grunauer Von Herschelmann, Basel, Switzerland; Irving Gumb III, New York, NY; Peter Hammerich, Copenhagen, Denmark; William E. Homa, Bethel Park, PA; Philip A. Kominos, Huntington Station, NY; Constantin A. Marinescu, Bronx, NY; Stephen D. Marr, Grosse Pointe, MI; Allen M. Martin, Melbourne, FL; and Craig McDonald, Whitehall, PA.

Also, James R. McGuigan, N. Versailles, PA; Judi Moline, Syracuse, NY; Phyllis Needleman, Fort Lee, NJ; Philip Noberini, Cresskill, NJ; Masaru Nunome, New York, NY; Arthur Raynor, St. Davids, Bermuda; Adriano Savio, Milan, Italy; Kevin E. Smith, San Jose, CA; David M. Sundman, Littleton, NH; and Luis Taub, New York:

Also, Jean Todd, New York, NY; George R. Trostel, Southington, CT; Elwood Van Sise, Middletown, NJ; Thomas M. Varnson, Pensacola, FL; Abdullah Waryah, Sindh, Pakistan; Craig A. Whitford, Lansing, MI; Gary E. Wolfe,

Altus, OK; Wayne R. Woolmer, Bexley, Australia; and Robert Yuell, Plainsboro, NJ.

In addition Pratipal Bhatia to New Delhi, India, was reinstated as an Associate Member.

## Amandry Elected

Michel Amandry of the Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, was elected a Corresponding Member of the Society at the October meeting. Mr. Amandry served as Visiting Scholar in Residence for the 1984 Graduate Seminar.

## LOANS VOTED BY COUNCIL

The Society's Council has voted loans from the ANS collection to benefit three exhibitions scheduled to open during 1985. For the exhibition entitled "Joseph Wright" to be held at the National Portrait Gallery in Washington from January through August, the ANS will provide its pattern quarter dollar designed by Wright. Six coins of Akbar from the Fathpur mint will be included in "Fatehpur Sikri and the Age of Akbar," exhibited at the Asia Society in New York, October 1985-January 1986 and at the Fogg Art Museum, Cambridge, Massachusetts, February-March, 1986.

A major exhibition devoted to "The Sculpture of Augustus St. Gaudens" will be held at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, October 1985-February 1986 and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, February-March, 1986. The ANS has agreed to provide five US gold coins by St. Gaudens from its collection, including the Society's example of the ultra high relief \$20 of 1907.

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